

**Senate File 237 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing that warning lights are not required on  
2 vehicles of excessive weight.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.24, Code 2023, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321E.24 Warning and lighting devices on oversize vehicles and**  
4 **loads.**

5 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to **chapter 17A**  
6 regarding oversize load signs, warning flags, vehicle length  
7 warning lights, and projecting-load lights. A vehicle or  
8 combination of vehicles with a gross weight or combined gross  
9 weight exceeding eighty thousand pounds shall not be required  
10 to display warning lights based on the vehicle's weight, but  
11 may otherwise be required to display warning lights based on  
12 length, a projecting load, or other factors, as provided by  
13 law.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Pursuant to Code section 321E.24, the department of  
18 transportation (DOT) adopted administrative rules regarding  
19 oversize load signs, warning flags, warning lights, and  
20 projecting-load lights (761 IAC 511.18(3)). The DOT's rules  
21 require vehicles longer than 85 feet but not longer than 120  
22 feet, vehicles with a front projection over 25 feet, vehicles  
23 with a rear projection over 10 feet, and vehicles weighing  
24 over 80,000 pounds to display a flashing or strobe amber light  
25 that is visible for at least 500 feet and provides 360-degree  
26 warning, which light must be mounted on the towing unit and be  
27 visible from the front and rear.

28 This bill provides that vehicles exceeding 80,000 pounds are  
29 not required to display warning lights based on the vehicle's  
30 weight.